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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sharon Carnevale et al.)
Serial No.: 10/099,665)
Filing Date: March 15, 2002)
Title: Optical Circuit Having Legs in a)
Stacked Configuration and an)
Associated Fabrication Method)

Group Art Unit: 2874
Examiner: Wood, K. S.

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2003, Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0015563 to Murakimi et al. and indicated that claims 19 and 20 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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